



  
**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT  
JODHPUR**

D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 14726/2025

Suo Moto

-----Petitioner

Versus

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1. Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways, Government Of India, Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
  2. National Highways Authority Of India, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi.
  3. Department Of Urban Development And Housing, Government Of Rajasthan, Food Building, Secretariat, Jaipur - 302005.
  4. The Director, Local Bodies, Government Of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur.
  5. Municipal Corporation, Inside Polytechnic College Campus, Residency Road, Jodhpur - 342001.
  6. Municipal Corporation, Jaipur.
  7. Municipal Corporation, Jodhpur.
  8. Municipal Corporation, Udaipur.
  9. State Transport Department, Through Its Commissioner.

-----Respondents

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| For Petitioner(s) | : | Dr. Sachin Acharya, Sr. Advocate with Ms. Priyanka Borana and Ms. Heli Pathak (Amicus Curiae)                    |
| For Respondent(s) | : | Mr. Rajesh Panwar, Sr. Advocate-cum-AAG with Mr. Monal Chugh. Mr. B.P. Bohra, Sr. CGC with Mr. Vaibhav Bhansali. |

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP MATHUR**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI CHIRANIA**

**Order**

**11/08/2025**

1. Dr. Sachin Acharya, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Ms. Priyanka Borana and Ms. Heli Pathak, *amicus curiae*, submitted that various Central and State statutes imposes/poses duties upon



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Municipalities/National Highways Authority/State Highways Authority/Public Works Department, etc. to make public roads/streets safe for the citizens. They submitted that despite there being statutory obligations to ensure that no nuisance, discomfort, disturbance or inconvenience is caused to the citizens in their free and smooth movement on the city roads/highways, due to sheer negligence and non-performance of the duties by the authorities concerned, the incidents of assault and biting by the stray animals have increased manifold and this is not only naturally causing danger to human life in State but it is also spoiling the image of the State which gathers tourists from not only the entire country but also from various countries across the globe.

2. Learned *amicus curiae* submitted that they may be granted two weeks' time to submit their suggestions for dealing with the problem posed in the instant writ petition.

3. Shri Rajesh Panwar, learned Sr. Advocate - AAG assisted by Shri Monal Chugh, Advocate and Shri B.P. Bohra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, submitted that they may be granted some time to complete their instructions/file reply to the instant writ petition.

4. However, all the learned counsel appearing in this matter, are in an agreement that till the next date of hearing, certain directions are required to be issued in the instant matter such as, removal of stray animals and maintaining proper conditions of dog shelters and cattle ponds/*Gaushalas* by the Municipalities.

5. In this view of the matter, we deem it proper to issue the following directions:



(i) on or before the next date of hearing, Shri Rajesh Panwar, learned AAG shall file a detailed report regarding the condition and maintenance of dog shelters and cattle ponds/*Gaushalas* maintained by the Municipal Corporations.

(ii) Shri Rajesh Panwar, learned AAG shall, in the reply, indicate the number of manpower available with each of the Municipal Corporation for undertaking the task of removal of stray animals from the roads and the doctors and supporting staffs appointed by them in the dog shelters and cattle ponds/*Gaushalas* to take care of the animals. He shall also inform the Court, whether appropriate provisions have been made by the respective Municipal Corporation for keeping the feline animals separate from the other animals.

(iii) **the Municipal bodies shall also undertake a special drive to remove stray dogs and other animals from city roads while ensuring that minimum physical harm is caused to them.**

(iv) **If an individual or a group of persons obstruct the employees of Municipalities from discharging their duties in removing the stray animals from the roads/colonies/public paths, then Municipal Officials/employees will be free to take appropriate action against them under the relevant Municipal Laws including lodging of the FIRs for obstructing public servants from performing their duties.**

(v) We also expect from the Municipal Corporations that they will notify a telephone/mobile number/e-mail ID where citizens/residents of that area can lodge their complaints with regard to stray animals.



(vi) We expect from the general public that if due to their sentiments or religious believes or for love towards the animals, they want to feed them or offer food or take care of them, then they shall perform such activities at dog shelters and cattle ponds/ *Gaushalas* maintained by the Municipalities or private individual/organization.

(vii). The Municipal Corporation, Jodhpur shall take immediate steps in respect of premises of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur and the District Court premises, Jodhpur where every day, a large number of people come for their treatment/work and shall also ensure that stray animals are removed from their premises on priority basis.

(viii). The National Highways Authority and the State Highways Authority shall also make regular patrolling on the highways for removal of the stray animals from the roads and to ensure free vehicular movements on Highways.

6. List the matter on 08.09.2025.

**(RAVI CHIRANIA),J**

**(KULDEEP MATHUR),J**

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